the provisions in the Rules relating to Conduct and Discipline are meant to check misbehaviour.

Purchase of I.V. fluids from outside in Safdarjung Hospital

1397. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that recently Safdarjung Hospital authorities violated the norms prescribed by the Ministry by opting to buy intervenous I.V. fluids at higher rates from outside agencies rather than from Government owned Medical Store Depot which usually supplies these fluids at a much lower cost to the hospitals;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to fix the responsibility for this lapse;

(c) whether any departmental enquiry has been initiated against the officials responsible at the Safdarjung Hospital;

(d) if so, whether the losses suffered by Government would be recovered from the officials held responsible; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (e) Safdarjung Hospital has reported that the procurement of I.V. Fluids were to be made from the following 4 Government undertaking firms :—

(i) M/s. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune.

(ii) M/s. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Gurgaon.

(iii) M/s. Bengal Immunity, Calcutta.

(iv) M/s. U.P. Drugs & Pharmaceutical Ltd., Lucknow.

The rate enquiry was called from abovementioned 4 firms and purchases were made from the M/s. Bengal Immunity being the lowest approved, failing which from M/s. U.P.D.P.L., Lucknow being the second lowest. In some cases when both the approved firms failed to supply the material and purchases were made from M/s. Super Bazar to meet immediate requirements.

Selection under central quota of seats in Medical Colleges

1398. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students in Mizoram State launched an agitation demanding that the Central Government should select only legal students to fill up the central quota seats in medical colleges;

(b) if so, what are the facts which led to the agitation; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the rules making the local linquistic identity as criteria for selection under central quota ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Reports were received that students in the State of Mizoram launched an agitation against the nomination of non-Mizo students by the State Government in respect of the central quota seats alloted to the State.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Study on the consumption of Tobacco

1399. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of tobacco has been on the increase in the country for the last three years; if so the details thereof ?

(b) whether Government have studied the impact of statutory warning on the use of tobacco by general masses in the country;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study to ascertain the impact of use of tobacco on cancer and other diseases and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to curtail the consumption of tobacco and also to safeguard the interest of non-smokers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) In our country apart from smoking a large percentage of tobacco consumption is in the form of chewing tobacco, pan masala, snuff etc. A recent study indicates that cigarette consumptions in India has fallen over the last few years. But the fall in cigarette consumption has possibly been compensated by a rise in bidi sale, estimated to be many times more than that of cigarette.

(b) No such study has been conducted.

(c) According to data available under the National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research, nearly one-third of cancer cases are tobacco related. Tobacco is also responsible for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and many other similar ailments.

(d) For quite sometime the Government have been trying to educate the people about harmful effects of tobacco. Government of India have also issued administrative instructions prohibiting smoking in certain public places like hospitals, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, A/C chair cars/sleeper coaches, suburban trains, public transport etc.

Under the Cigarette (Regulaion of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 it has been made mendatory to print statutory warning on every cigarrete pack or in its advertisement that "Smoking is injurious to Health".

आन्ध्र प्रदेश में मेडिकल और डेंटल कालेजों को खोले जाने की अनुमति

1400. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने उच्चतम न्यायालय के इस निर्णय की उपेक्षा करते हुए कि मेडिकल कालेजों और अन्य तकनीकी कालेजों में प्रवेश चन्दे के आधार पर प्रवेश देना संविधान के उपबंधों के विरुद्ध है, 20 शैक्षिक संस्थानों को मेडिकल और डेंटल कालेज खोले जाने की अनुमति प्रदान की थी;

(ख) कुल कितनी संस्थाओं ने इस संबंध में अनुमति मांगी थी और कितनी संस्थाओं को अनुमति दी गयी;

(ग) अनुमति आदेशों के उपबंधों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या आन्ध्र प्रदेश के उच्च न्यायालय ने सरकार के अनुमति संबंधी आदेशों को रद्द कर दिया है, यदि हां, तो किस आधार पर और किन-किन मुद्दों पर उच्च न्यायालय ने अपने आदेश दिये थे ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) :

(क) और (ख) आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रदान की गई सूचना के अनुसार दिनांक 27-7-1992 को 12 मेडिकल कालेज और 8 डेंटल कालेज खोलने के लिए अनुमति दी गई थी जबकि कैपिटेशन फीस के बारे में मोहिनी जैन बनाम कर्नाटक सरकार के मामले में उच्चतम न्यायालय का आदेश 30-7-92 को घोषित किया गया था ।

(ग) आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, अनुमति इस शर्त पर दी गई थी कि यह सोसाइटी आन्ध्र प्रदेश शिक्षा अधिनियम और उसके अधीन बनाए गए नियमों का पालन करेगी, विश्वविद्यालय से संबद्धता प्राप्त करेगी और संबंधित परिषद् से मान्यता प्राप्त करेगी, कक्षाएं शुरू करने की तारीख से 18 महीने के भीतर एक शिक्षण अस्पताल स्थापित करेगी तथा निर्धारित अर्हताओं वाला अध्यापन स्टाफ नियुक्त करेगी ।

(घ) जी, हां । आंध्र प्रदेश के माननीय उच्च न्यायालय ने मेडिकल/डेंटल कालेज